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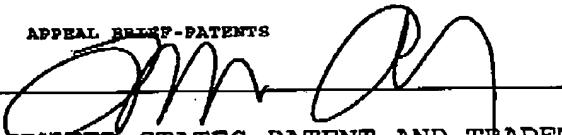
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By:  Date: February 24, 2006IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Applic. No. : 09/883,817 Confirmation No.: 2567  
Inventor : Jens Barrenscheen, et al.  
Filed : June 18, 2001  
Title : Method of Transmitting Data Between  
Devices Connected Via a Multi-Master Bus  
Defining a Time Slot During Transmission  
for Responsive Output Information from  
Non-Bus Master Devices  
TC/A.U. : 2112  
Examiner : Clifford H. Knoll  
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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S i r :

Responsive to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief,  
dated January 24, 2006, kindly consider the following:

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested

Appellants received a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed on January 24, 2006 (the "Notice"). The Notice indicated by the checked box in front of item 4, that Appellants' alleged non-compliance related to the section relating to the concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. More particularly, further clarification was provided under item 10 of the Notice, which stated:

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter is merely a recapitulation of the specification, with no explanation or reference to the claimed subject matter per se. Applicant is reminded to provide a concise explanation of subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, with reference to the specification and drawings to help identify the intended meaning in the recitation.

As such, Appellants are filing the present Supplemental Appeal Brief, which is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37. In Appellants' Supplemental Appeal Brief, the Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter section, required under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37 (c)(1)(v), has been amended to even better clarify and summarize the support for each independent claim in the instant appeal. Appellants additionally note that the originally filed

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Appeal Brief included in the "Argument" section, ample references to the specification and claims showing the support for the limitations for the appealed claims.

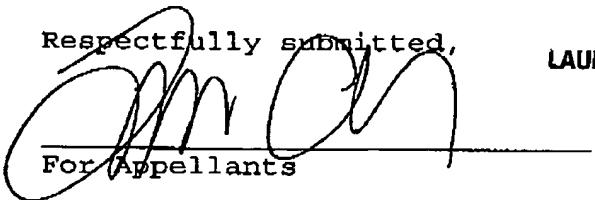
It is believed that the Substitute Appeal Brief is proper and addresses all of the issues raised in the Notice. If further information is needed, or the Substitute Appeal Brief is deemed to be insufficient in any way, Appellants request that the Examiner please feel free to contact the Appellants' Attorney by telephone to expedite resolution of these issues.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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